



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News **Weekly Egg Products Report** **November 29, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending **29-Nov-02** Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	83.64	73.01	78.68	97.78	85.83
Last week	83.64	73.01	78.68	97.78	85.83

Selected Cities Large - 29-Nov-02: New York 82-86 Chicago 72-76 California 106

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 25-Nov-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	132.4	294.0	131.9	186.4	232.8	977.5	234.2	1211.7
% change PW	-11	-10	-24	-16	-5	-12	-3	-10

Breaking Stock 29-Nov-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	37-44 M 41-44		37-44 M 40-43	
Checks & Undergrades	29-33		26-36 M 27-31	

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **22-Nov-02**.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,169,865	28,566	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,167,122	28,063	10,885	5,521	2,016	4,124
LAST YEAR	1,057,486	24,452	10,364	5,352	2,204	3,707
% CHANGE PW	0	2	-6	-2	4	3
% CHANGE LY	11	17	-1	2	-5	14
TO-DATE 2002	56,805,391	1,326,708	543,720	292,083	131,965	201,396
TO-DATE 2001	54,394,083	1,238,492	543,460	290,516	119,884	194,021
% CHANGE YTD	4	7	0	1	10	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.42 **Previous Week:** 41.63 **Last Year:** 41.49

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.80 **Previous Week:** 38.10 **Last Year:** 37.98

National Liquid Eggs - 29-Nov-02 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	11	37-38	37.55	-.70
Whites	9	13-17.5	14.06	.01
Yolks	7	80-83	81.79	.68

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 78 to 80 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 29-Nov-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	42-52 M 46-48	46-49 M 47	54-58	53-56
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		73-85	-
Whites	21-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 22-25	28-42	28-31
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	83-92 M 86-91	87-92 M 90-91	91-98	94-97
Salted	81-88 M 83-86	83-86	87-95	90-93

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 29-Nov-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.58 - 1.85	1.65 - 1.75
Yolks	1.92 - 2.10	2.00 - 2.05
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.55 - 2.00	1.60 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.28 - 1.40	1.35 - 1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 23-Nov-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,663	This week	233	This week	1,896
Last week	1,441	Last week	266	Last week	1,707
Last year	1,174	Last year	393	Last year	1,567
To Date 2002	81,900	To Date 2002	14,137	To Date 2002	96,037
To Date 2001	83,258	To Date 2001	19,305	To Date 2001	102,563

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Nov-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	456	0	0	456
Last year /1	433	0	42	475
To date 2002 /2	18,208	21	760	18,989
To date 2001	11,853	78	322	12,253

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Nov-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	79	66	58	203
Last year /1	273	68	106	447
To date 2002 /2	5,698	3,062	4,703	13,463
To date 2001	5,113	1,482	598	7,193

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Nov-02

	Jumbo	EX-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	50	1,740	2,560	1,228	4,500	0	10,078
Last year /1	0	1,960	5,100	825	15,620	0	23,505
To date 2002 /2	1,439	43,374	124,554	44,738	317,705	14,737	546,547
To date 2001	87	62,562	125,718	41,233	389,660	69,614	688,874

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Year-to-date 2002 revisions encompass all adjustments made to data for the year.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Nov-02

Total Layers on 01-Nov-02 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Nov-02 averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Nov-02 = 280.9 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Nov-02 averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Nov-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.94 billion eggs during Oct-02, up 1% from Oct-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Oct-02 totaled 32.0 million, down 11% from Oct-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.4 million on 01-Nov-02, up 7% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 186,000 during Oct-02, up 24% from Oct-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Nov-02 = 263.9 million, up 0% from 01-Nov-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Nov-02 = 73.4, up 1% from 01-Nov-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Nov-02 were 3.8%, up 27% from those in molt on 01-Nov-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Nov-02 were 23.3, up 1% from 01-Nov-01.

Layers sold during Oct-02 totaled 13.9 million, up 2% from Oct-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Oct-02 were 3.9 million, down 4% from Oct-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Nov-02 = 86.7 million, down 2% from 01-Nov-01.

Pullets added during Oct-02 = 19.9 million, up 4% from Oct-01.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; ENDS PROGRAM

Nov. 26, 2002

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,064,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 27,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$522,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 14	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	920,000	\$0.4722-\$0.5372	3 of 3
bulk tankers	144,000	\$0.3687	1 of 1

It was also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is now complete.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 7, 2002, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound cartons	277,000	\$ 148,000
5-pound cartons	11,406,000	\$6,153,000
bulk tankers	5,376,000	\$2,060,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-257, Invitation 14, to be delivered from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15, 2003, follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products inc.	160,080 @ \$0.5289
Crystal Lake Egg Products	440,220 @ \$0.4722-\$0.5372
Sonstegard Foods Co.	320,160 @ \$0.4978-\$0.5085

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Co.	144,000 @ \$0.3687
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Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.